



**EUROPEAN UNION**

## **FAR BAN BO PROJECT**

### **REPORT**

#### **TRAINING OF ANOMABO IUU-CMG ON RECORDING OF IUU CASES IN LEDGER BOOK**



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## ACRONYMS

EU	European Union
IEZ	Inshore Exclusive Zone
FBB	Far Ban Bo
FoN	Friends of the Nation
GPS	Global Positioning System
IUU	Illegal Unregulated Unreported
IUU-CMGs	Illegal Unregulated Unreported Community Monitoring Groups

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Illegal Unregulated Unreported (IUU) fishing occurs in virtually all fisheries, causing problems for people who are trying to manage fisheries properly and for people who depend on fisheries for food and jobs. IUU fishing can cause an entire fishery to collapse. Those who conduct IUU fishing do not behave responsibly. By ignoring fishing rules, they gain an unfair of advantage over responsible fishers – that is, those fishers who fish in accordance with the rules (FAO, 2002).

On August 6, 2019, an introductory training was organized for the IUU Community Monitoring Group (CMG) members of Anomabo fishing community. The purpose of the training was to introduce the group to ledger book recordings of infractions, with an overall objective to contribute to sustainable fisheries resources management. 7 out of a total of 15 members attended the training.

## **DETAILED SESSION**

After an opening prayer by one of the participants, an overview of the Far Ban Bo project was shared with the group to keep them abreast with the project and the rational for setting up the group. It was shared that the overall objective of the FBB project is to contribute to sustainable fisheries resources management to improve food security, nutrition and livelihood of small holder fishers and other users of fishery resources.

It was explained to the participants that setting up of the group will facilitate active participation of fishers in the process of fisheries management. Specifically, their participation is expected to be in monitoring and reporting of illegalities on sea while they go on their fishing sprees.



Figure 1: Project Officer reminding participants of the relevance of their role as IUU community monitoring groups

***Recap of knowledge gained from previous trainings.***

This session was facilitated by Philip Prah. Every participant was asked to mention at least, one lesson they learnt from previous trainings. Below are some of the information they shared:

- We need to capture the IMO numbers of trawlers who fish in our waters
- We don't have to quarrel with offenders at sea
- We have to be bold and support the police prosecutors when they need us to testify at the court
- We have to take pictures and use them as evidence
- We have to make sure we ourselves stop using illegal methods of fishing.

### ***The ledger and how to use it***

Two ledger books were given to the group to record any infractions they spot. A rigorous discussion was held with the group as to what headings should guide the recordings. This participatory approach brought out what should and what should not be featured in the ledger.



Figure 2: IUU Monitoring coordinator taking participants through ledger recordings

The following were concluded on:

- Incidence number
- Type of incidence
- Where the incidence occurred
- When incidence occurred
- Whether pictures were taken
- Detail description of incidence
- Any extra evidence gathered
- The canoe from which the information giver worked
- Contact of information giver if possible
- Signature of chief fisherman



## **LESSONS AND CONCLUSION**

The month of August is not appropriate to organise such trainings since it becomes very difficult to get all the group members. They are often going to sea and returning only when they get the fish they require. Some also travel to other communities outside Anomabo.



Figure 3: Handing over the Ledger Books to the Chief Fisherman